

REMARKS

Entry of the amendments is respectfully requested. Claims 14-19 have been amended. Claims 1-20 therefore are pending and are presented for review. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of this application is respectfully requested in light of the foregoing amendments and the remarks that follow.

1. Claim Objections

Claims 15-18 stand rejected under 37 CFR 1.75(c) as being of improper dependent form for failing to further limit the subject matter of the previous claim. Specifically, the Examiner has objected to claims 15-18 as drawn to an apparatus and not a fabric. Applicant has amended claims 14-18 to recite a method of weaving one continuous piece of material and as such it is believed that claims 15-18 now comport with 37 CFR 1.75(c) and withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

2. Rejection of Claim 19 under 35 U.S.C. § 102

The rejection of claims 19 as being anticipated by applicant's own "Background of the invention" is respectfully traversed as it may be applied against amended claim 19.

Claims 19 as amended recites, *inter alia*, a method of making a woven, open mesh pattern for producing a hammock from one continuous piece of material comprising constructing a frame having a set of opposed reciprocal rods wherein the rods are situated in opposing and alternating relationship to one another, mounting a first pulling means to an end of the opposed reciprocal rods; attaching one end of material to an attaching means, surrounding the attaching means with a set of pulleys means for laterally moving the rods, attaching a second pulling means to the end controls passing a bobbin of material through loops of material from the same bobbin resulting in a traditional weave.

Applicant's background clearly does not anticipate amended claim 19 as no discussion of the apparatus utilized in the claimed method is present. Withdrawal of this rejection therefore is believed to be in order and is respectfully requested.

3. Rejection of Claims 14-18 under 35 U.S.C. § 103

The rejection of claims 14-18 as being obvious in view of applicant's own "Background of the invention" is respectfully traversed as it may be applied against amended claims 14-18.

Claims 14 as amended recites, *inter alia* a method of weaving one continuous piece of material comprising placing the material on a circular bobbin in communication with a frame with two sets of rods attached which are situated in opposing and alternating relationship to one another, attaching a circular capturing device to the rods, attaching end controls to the frame to hold the material, passing the bobbin along a central path leaving a section of the material along the path, pushing a first set of rods forward passing them over the material to capture it, pushing a second set of rods forward to drop material onto the material which is captured on the first set of rods, pulling the first set of rods backward to pull some material from the bobbin into a predetermined size, pulling the first set of rods backward further to pull material from the second set of rods into the first set of rods, positioning the end control to drop material which was previously released from the second set of rods onto a holding rod and repeating the process using alternate sets of rods and end controls.

Applicant's background clearly does not anticipate the claimed method as no discussion of the apparatus utilized in the claimed method is present. Withdrawal of this rejection therefore is believed to be in order and is respectfully requested.

4. Amended Claims, Allowable Subject Matter and Conclusions

The indication of the allowability of claims 1-13 and 20 is noted with appreciation. By this amendment, claims 14-19 have been amended to recite methods of weaving that likewise require an apparatus that automates the process not taught by the prior art. Because the remaining rejections have been overcome and/or are traversed for the reasons discussed above, all claims are now believed to be in *prima facie* condition for allowance. Withdrawal of all rejections and allowance of the application therefore are believed to be in order and are respectfully requested. Should there be any remaining questions the attending to of which would help expedite such matters, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number appearing below.

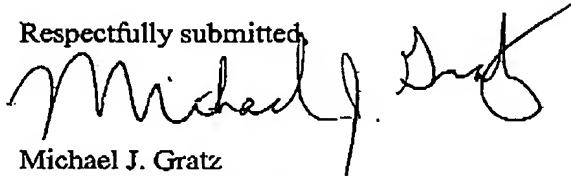
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